

Amendments to the Specification:

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Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 12, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 11 is a plan view showing a schematic configuration of an image display part seen from the side of a front panel of the PDP according to the second exemplary embodiment of the present invention. Furthermore, sectional views of parts along lines A-A, B-B, C-C and D-D in FIG. 11 are shown in FIGs. 12, 13, 14 and 15, respectively. Furthermore, in these figures, also phosphor layer ~~13~~33 is additionally shown.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 13, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Herein, "communicating in non-parallel to the column direction" means that communication portion ~~12c~~27c does not communicate between neighboring discharge cells 35 in parallel to the column direction. FIG. 16 is a plan view to illustrate a detail of dielectric layer 27 and row direction protrusions 27a and column direction protrusions 27b thereof. As shown in FIG. 16A, even when communication portion 27c is provided in non-parallel to the column direction (in the direction of y), in a case where communication portion 27c has region 27d communicating in parallel, it is not included in the category of the present invention. On the other hand, as shown in FIG. 16B, communication portion 27c in a state in which a region communicating in parallel does not exist is communication portion 27c "communicating in non-parallel to the column direction."

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 14, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, the reason why discharge error occurs is thought to be because charged particles due to discharge reach neighboring discharge cells 35 so as to affect them. The charged particles have vectors of movement along potential distribution generated by a voltage applied between scan electrode 24 and sustain electrode 25. That is to say, as shown by an arrow E of FIG. 11, charged particles having a vector in parallel to the column direction are main charged particles. Therefore, even when row direction protrusions 27a

are provided with communication portions 27c, since communication portions 27c are in non-parallel to the column direction, the probability of charged particles passing through communication portion 27c and reaching neighboring discharge cells 35 reduces, thus enabling the problem of discharge error to be suppressed.